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We can not expect to engage in any good work without meeting with crosses and inconveniences. Along with our greater responsibilities and more important positions in life, we must expect more cares and anxieties. He who is willing to accept the more responsible positions in life must be willing to accept the cares and burdens that naturally come with it. It is not for us to seek a place where there are no cares, but to keep the cares out of our hearts. The problem of our life is not to find a place that will relieve us from all burden bearing, but to bear the burden in the spirit of the Master and with his yoke which makes the burden light. As we rise higher in life, our burdens increase, our cares multiply, and we need to learn, not how to get rid of these, but how to meet them and bear them so as not to interfere with our duties.

To make the Sabbath-school more efficient it is absolutely necessary that there should be more home study of the lessons. A great many boys and girls start to school on Sabbath morning not knowing what the lesson is about, not having so much as read the text. Under such circumstances it is difficult for a teacher to make a success of his work. It is a question whether or not such indifference is very largely the fault of the teacher. Perhaps his own indifference and lack of preparation are responsible for the scholar's interest in the work. Parents too, are largely to blame for this state of affairs. They do not take the pains to interest and instruct their children in the Word of God as they should. If they are not willing to spend a little time each evening in the religious instruction of their own children how can they expect to render a satisfactory account of their stewardship or faithfulness at God's bar? These are matters which deserve the serious attention of all to whom God has entrusted the religious training and instruction of the young. Let there be more faithfulness on the part of parents and teachers and the Sabbath school will become far more efficient in its work.

THE ANNUAL

The Annual or Church Year Book for 1898 will be ready to mail between the 10 and 15 of December. We shall be glad to receive orders for it now, at 10 cents each, or \$1.00 per dozen. Orders received will be filed and receive prompt attention when the Annual is ready.

THE FIVE HUNDRED

We are pleased to announce quite an advance toward the 500 mark. Another week at the same rate will make us the 500, and as the official notice of the secretary has not yet appeared the offer at one dollar is still open and we trust our friends will take advantage of the opportunity and swell the list to 500.

J. W. Funk,	1	Susan Dyer,	1
D. M. Rittenhouse,	1	Samuel Baker,	1
H. S. Eyman,	1	Mrs. J. A. Ozias,	2
H. M. Oberholtzer,	4	J. L. Kimmel,	1
B. N. Emmert,	2	J. P. Studebaker,	1
W. W. Summers,	1	E. Z. M. Grazie,	1
Eva Moss,	1	Daniel ———,	3
Daniel Stephens,	2	Mary Eikenberry,	1
Andrew Rischel,	4	Annie Switzer,	3
B. F. Puterbaugh,	3	J. H. Palmer,	1
J. M. Murray,	4	H. M. Lichty,	1
Ora Turner,	1	John Nicholson,	1
A brother,	1	Lizzie Cotrow,	1
Mrs. J. Scrock,	1	Israel Penrod,	2
Jacob Hazel,	1	R. E. Darling,	6
D. A. Hopkins,	3	A. J. Miller,	1
Grace Moomaw,	1	Josiah Keim,	1
Mary Replogle,	1	W. H. Miller,	1
P. M. Swinehart,	1	John Lowman,	8
R. B. Rittenhouse,	1	J. C. Weaver,	1
Four 25 cent subs.,	1	Lee Shirk,	1
O. L. Brown,	12	Lee Hammer,	5
W. M. Lyon and Sis- ter Detwiler,	20	Mrs. M. Hounshell,	1
Jessie Hays,	1	J. M. Humbert,	1
A. R. Bemenderfer,	4	A. S. Dole,	1
W. P. Wisman,	1	Total,	127
F. A. Turner,	1	Previously reported,	251
H. A. Moss,	1		
Geo. Hoover,	3	Total to date,	378

It is possible that in the above some names may have been omitted. If so we shall be glad to have them so inform us. It will be readily seen that another week like the last will make us the 500, and why not have another? Please remember that you have time to take new subscriptions at one dollar until the official notice from the secretary appears. The notice will be published next week. Until then take new subscribers at one dollar. Push the work for 500.

ASHLAND COLLEGE

The Finance Committee had fixed the first day of January, 1898, as the day for final settlement of the college debt. The announcement last week which made us say the last day of January was an error. Please remember it is the *first* day, and this gives the canvassers but one month in which to make up the several apportionments. Why do you wait for the canvasser? Is it not just as easy to pay without making that extra expense? Send in your apportionment and surprise the solicitor. The first day of January 1898, would forever remain a great day in the history of the Brethren church if on that day we could wipe out the debt, and it can be done if we *will*. Will we? In what better way could we begin the new year? Brethren, do not be weary of these constant appeals; they are necessary *now*, but will be discontinued just as soon as the debt is paid. There is no

more honorable way of getting this matter out of the paper than by paying the debt. Lately we have heard of quite a number of young men who are ready to enter school with a view of preparing themselves for the work of the ministry, and they are waiting to see what will be done with Ashland College. When the debt is paid we will be able to make announcements that will very agreeably surprise our people. Pay the debt and do it now.

PLEASE NOTE

The last week added 127 new subscribers to the list; it will require but 122 more to make the 500. These can be secured without much trouble and we believe our people will make the effort. Until the official notice appears by Brother Cassel, subscriptions can be taken at one dollar. In next week's issue will appear an open letter to EVANGELIST readers by the secretary of the Board.

Between this and the time you receive the next paper, use every opportunity to secure subscriptions at one dollar. The first item on page 1, is an error, and should not have appeared.

Please remember that old subscriptions which expire after Dec. 1, cannot be renewed at one dollar.

"GOD CALLING YET"

A father had been absent from home for a few days and wondered whether his little child would know his voice when he returned. The child was sitting on the floor interested in its playthings. The father went into an adjoining room and called, "Florence!" Immediately the little one dropped its playthings and stretched out its tiny hands. For she knew her father was there though she could not see him. Like this little child, we are wrapped up in the pleasures and business of the world. God is calling us to work in his vineyard. How many there are who do not heed the call, who do not drop the toys of the world and enter into his service. The Master stands at the door of many a heart which has long been closed. He offers the greatest joys earth can afford and the blessings of eternal life. Will the keeper of the door not hear? Will he not answer the summons?

Just as surely as God is calling the sinner, he is calling the Christian on to greater work. The harvest is great, but the reapers are few. Do not sit down and fold your hands. Christ taught us to pray, "Thy will be done." Can that will be done if we, his servants, refuse to do all we can? Let us watch and pray and to his every call answer, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." And with loving hearts and an earnestness that knows no failing do with our might what our hands find to do.

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